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July 10, 2000
OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
Docket No: ~~99-00112~~ 00 - 00603

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Sprint Communications Company L.P. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and thirteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated November 7, 1997. The Amendment revises the DS3 Dedicated Transport rates.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: Carolyn Roddy, Attorney for Sprint Communications Company, L.P.

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

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In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. ~~99-00112~~ 00-00603

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated November 7, 1997 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, Sprint and BellSouth state the following:

1. Sprint and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Sprint. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on December 2, 1997.
2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which revises the DS3 Dedicated Transport rates. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Sprint and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the TRA for approval.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and Sprint within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

5. Sprint and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

6. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, BellSouth shall make the Agreement available upon the same terms and conditions contained therein.

Sprint and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 10th day of July, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

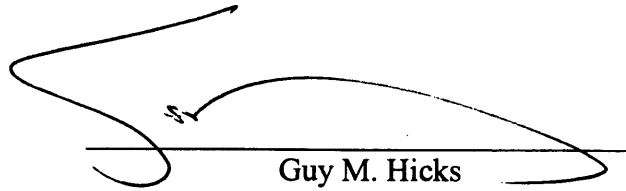
By: 

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail:

Carolyn Tatum Roddy
Sprint Communications Company, L.P.
3100 Cumberland Circle
Atlanta, GA 30339



Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to Interconnection Agreement between
Sprint Communications Company L. P. and
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Tennessee**

Pursuant to this Agreement, (the "Amendment"), Sprint Communications Company L. P. ("Sprint"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated November 7, 1997 ("Agreement").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Table 1 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Interconnection Agreement is hereby revised to include DS3 Dedicated Transport for the state of Tennessee effective with the execution of this Amendment as follows:

	USOC	TN
Interoffice Channel – Dedicated Transport – DS3		
Interoffice Channel – Dedicated Transport – DS3 – per mile per month	1L5XX	\$6.88
Interoffice Channel – Dedicated Transport – DS3 – facility termination per month	U1TF3	\$840.61
NRC – 1 st	U1TF3	\$877.70
NRC – Add'l	U1TF3	\$540.32
NRC – Incremental Charge – Manual Service Order – 1 st	SOMAC	\$102.75
NRC – Incremental Charge – Manual Service Order – Add'l	SOMAC	\$102.75
Local Channel – Dedicated Transport – DS3		
Local Channel – Dedicated Transport – DS3 – per mile per month	1L5NC	\$23.76
Local Channel – Dedicated Transport – DS3 – facility termination per month	ULDF3	\$607.28
NRC – 1 st	ULDF3	\$877.70
NRC – Add'l	ULDF3	\$540.32
NRC – Incremental Charge – Manual Service Order – 1 st	SOMAC	\$102.75
NRC – Incremental Charge – Manual Service Order – Add'l	SOMAC	\$102.75

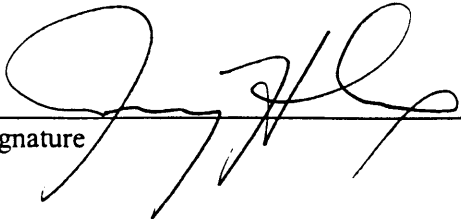
2. The rates reflected in this amendment shall be interim rates and subject to true-up, either up or down, based on final prices determined either by further agreement between the Parties, or by a final order in Tennessee Regulatory Authority Docket No. 97-01262 (including any appeals).

3. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated November 7, 1997, shall remain in full force and effect.

4. BellSouth will submit this Amendment to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.



Signature

Jerry D. Hendrix

Name

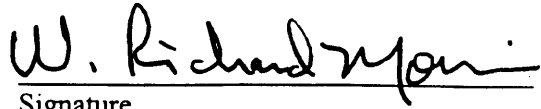
Senior Director

Title

5/5/00

Date

Sprint Communications Company L. P.



Signature

W. Richard Morris

Name

Vice President External Affairs Local Markets

Title

5-4-00

Date